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News Release

JTTF INVESTIGATION CONTINUES IN LODI, CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott, Special Agent in Charge Keith Slotter, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Charles DeMore, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), confirmed today an investigation being conducted in Lodi, California. This is a long-term, ongoing investigation being conducted by the Sacramento Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF).

Based on the investigation conducted to date, there is no information to indicate there is an immediate danger to public welfare or safety. Specifically, the FBI has no information about specific threats to hospitals and food stores.

On June 5, 2005, Hamid Hayat, married, age 24, was arrested in Sacramento by FBI agents. His father, Umer Hayat, married, age 47, was also arrested in Sacramento later that same day. They were both arrested without incident.

On June 6, 2005, the United States Attorney's Office filed criminal complaints charging each with one count alleging violation of Title 18, United States Code Section 1001 (a) (2), making a false statement to a Federal Agent. These charges are merely an accusation and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Also, on June 6, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents arrested Mohammed Adil Khan and Shabbir Ahmed for violating the terms of their visas. Both remain in ICE custody on administrative immigration charges and will be afforded the opportunity to appear before an Immigration Judge. Khan is a citizen of Pakistan who is affiliated with the Farooqia Islamic Center near Lodi, California. Ahmed is a citizen of Pakistan who currently functions as the Imam of the Lodi Mosque.

This investigation is a collaborative effort by various Federal, State, and Local law enforcement agencies comprising the Joint Terrorism Task Force JTTF.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.

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